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TAGS: EMIN, MNUC, IZ, BE

SUBJECT: URANIUM DISCOVERY IN IRAQI WESTERN DESERT

FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT  
QUOTE

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REF: BAGHDAD 0841

AS REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBOFF OBTAINED INFORMATION ON IRAQI  
URANIUM FIND FROM OFFICIAL WITH BELGIAN ENGINEERING FIRM  
SYBETRA. PROJECT CHIEF F. MOTTE TOLD US THAT URANIUM HAD  
BEEN IDENTIFIED TWO YEARS AGO IN PHOSPHATE ORES (URANIUM IS  
CUSTOMARILY FOUND IN SUCH DEPOSITS). CONTENTS WERE 32 PPM  
(PARTS PER MILLION) IN PHOSPHATE OR AT THE LOWER END OF  
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COMMERCIAL SCALE. IT IS THEREFORE FEASIBLE TO EXPLOIT  
THESE DEPOSITS, BUT THEY ARE NOT COMMERCIALY INTERESTING  
AND PROCESSES INVOLVED WOULD BE COSTLY. MOTTE COMMENTED  
THAT AT FIRST IRAQIS SEEMED INTERESTED IN EXAMINING FURTHER  
POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS FIND BUT HAVE DONE NOTHING

DURING PAST TWO YEARS.

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